## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application claims the benefit to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/501,028, entitled "Ultimate Performance Cannula," filed September 9, 2003, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. [[60/492,292]] 60,492,282, entitled "Variable Exhaust Ports," filed August 5, 2003, the disclosures of which are expressly incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.